Dhubri, Jogighopa and Pandu, have been undertaken. Further, construction of a permanent terminal at Pandu has been undertaken and action has been initiated for providing night navigation facilities in a phased manner. As regard River Barak, the same has not been declared as a Natioal Waterway.

(b) and (c) One hydraulic surface dredger was deployed on NW-II in February 2002. It did trial dredging during 2001-02 and dredging for clearing shoals between Dhubri and Pandu during 2002-03. The other dredger is under construction and hence not deployed.

(d) Does not arise.

Bagri community

†2351. DR. AKHTAR HASAN RIZVI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Bagri' community is being brought into the general category after removing it from the Scheduled Caste category; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL): (a) and (b) 'Bagri' community has been notified as Scheduled Caste in the State of Chhatisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. The Government of Chhattisgarh has apprised that since 24 communities including 'Bagri' community were not found in Chhattisgarh region as per Censuses of 1961 and 1971 and were not resident of Chhattisgarh region on the date of the issue of the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) order, 1950 *i.e.* 10.08.1950, therefore, their inclusion in the list of Scheduled Castes in the State of Chhattisgarh is not appropriate.

NGOs working for senior citizens in Chhattisgarh

2352. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of NGOs operating in Chhattisgarh working for upliftment of the senior citizens;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the number of old homes in major cities of the State;

(c) whether any assistance is extended by Government to such NGOs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI): (a) to (c) There is only one NGO in Chhattisgarh, which is running an old age home with the financial assistance of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

The name of the NGO is Chhattisgarh Bal Awam Vridh Kalyan Parishad, Mana Camp, Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

(d) The financial assistance given to the NGO for running one old age home under the scheme namely "An Integrated Programme for Older Persons" (Plan Scheme) from 1998-99 upto 2001-02 is as under:

Year	Amount given
1998-99	Rs. 1,74,366/- (Full & Final)
1999-2000	Rs. 2,65,614/- (Full & Final)
2000-01	Rs. 2,65,613/- (Full & Final)
2001-02	Rs. 1,27,689/- (First instalment)

Community toilets and biogas plants

2353. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the States where Sulabh International Organisation has constructed community toilets and set up excreta biogas plants;

(b) the number of biogas plants set up in Andhra Pradesh by this Organisation;

(c) whether any target has been fixed for setting up biogas plants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?